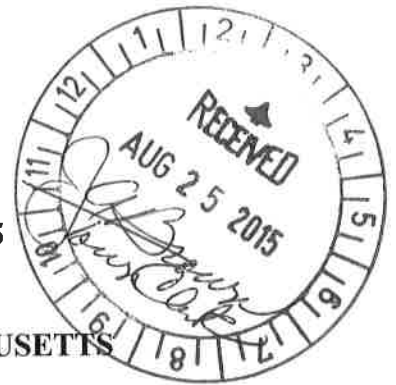




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**AGENDA  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY APRIL 29, 2015**

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**



**4:00 P.M. Call to Order** by Chairman Lee J. Baumgartner. Those present are Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco, Selectman Paul Sadeck and Town Administrator Jack Healey. Meeting is being recorded by Selectman Paul Sadeck and MCAM Chris Murphy Somerset Access and also the State House Access Press Corp.

The meeting is turned over to Town Counsel David Jenkins and he explains that Ms Lawless's Atty contacted him yesterday and that they would like today's meeting in open session. Like the Town knows Ms. Lawless is in a contract and she is only allowed to be terminated for Just Cause. This is the opportunity to hear the allegations however tonight we are not going to impose anything. This is a formal meeting to present the allegations and go forward with the hearing. Tonight is the opportunity to proceed with the charges. Attorney Jenkins has said this to Ms. Lawless's Counsel. He knows that the Board had an Executive Session last April 15, 2014 and at that time it was pointed out to Ms. Lawless's that her behavior needed to be corrected and now there has been instances that have reoccurred and I am now recommending to you that you conduct a hearing so the Town will be able to proceed and then from there you can see if there is just cause for termination. My sense is a two week period is sufficient for Ms. Lawless and we should cooperate with Ms. Lawless as to their schedule. Selectman Baumgartner says at this point we will entertain this motion.

Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) I move that the Board of selectmen authorize the Chair to execute the notice of hearing as presented to the Board by Town Counsel and that a hearing in this matter be scheduled before the Board at a time that is mutually convenient. Passed unanimously.

The next step is to speak with Ms. Lawless's counsel to come up with a date. Town Counsel says Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) for a 5 minute recess. Passed unanimously.

Selectman Baumgartner brings the meeting back to order. Mr. Lawless counsel says May 27 or May 28<sup>th</sup>. Atty Jenkins May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Atty Mullen would like to know if the Board would like to issue a list of Witnesses. Atty Jenkins says he would be responding to that question. Atty Muller doesn't understand how the Board has taken these actions without deliberating previously. Atty Jenkins says if they believe that there has been a violation of the Open Meeting law then they can take an action.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Board of Selectmen:** Action relative to:

**Board of Health:** Paul Sadeck says to watch out for the mosquitoes and watch out for them.

**Personnel Board:**

- Vote to Appoint a Temporary Treasurer. Selectman Sadeck says we could appoint Mr. Healey a temporary treasurer or the lady who is in there now. We need to know what we have in the different bank accounts, and we need to know what is in all the accounts. Selectman Baumgartner says from his perspective we have a person that is in the office and she knows the job now. Selectman Pacheco says although she values her she has only been here for a brief amount of time. We can also get a company to do this. Selectman Pacheco says Selectman Sadeck knows the office better than anyone. Selectman Sadeck says the biggest concern is not knowing what is in the bank accounts and they need to balance the month of March. This is very imperative. Selectman Pacheco will entertain a motion. Baumgartner Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to Appoint Jessica Thomas as the Temporary Treasurer for a time of 60 days under the statute due to an absent treasurer. Selectman Pacheco opposes. Selectman Sadeck says that he will not vote then. Selectman Pacheco would give Mr. Healey access and then give a company ability to do the work. Selectman Pacheco asks if the Board would like to reconsider the vote. Selectman Baumgartner does not want to reconsider. Selectman Sadeck will still abstain. Selectman Baumgartner says this is very important that we get this done. Selectman Pacheco asks if we have any more suggestions. Selectman Pacheco says she will meet them half way. Selectman Pacheco says she doesn't know her background. We will appoint her for 30 days Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to appoint Jessica for 30 days. Passed unanimously.
- Vote to secure a Bond for the Temporary Treasurer. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn (Pacheco/Sadeck) at 4:31p.m Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant